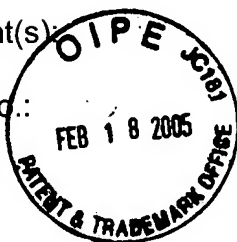


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Filed: April 15, 2004
Examiner: Tu Ba HOANG
Art Unit: 3742
Confirmation No.: 8127
Customer No.: 27,623



Attorney Docket No.: 608.0011USX

**Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment with Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and Reference in response to the communication dated November 16, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

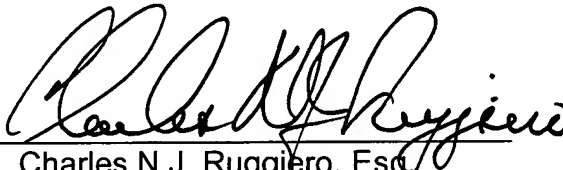
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	13	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$0.00	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

February 16, 2005
Date



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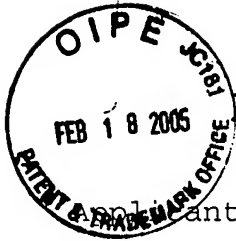
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.